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December 16, 1994

The following items were adopted at the December 15
Commission meeting and released later that day:

NEWS RELEASES

FCC PROPOSES NEW POLICIES AND RULES TO
INCREASE MINORITY OWNERSHIP OF MASS MEDIA
FACILITIES - MM DOCKET NOS. 94-149 AND 91-140
(Report No. DC-2693, Action in Docket Case)

As part of its continuing effort to create opportunities for all segments of society to participate in the communications industry, the Commission has initiated a proceeding to examine and evaluate its minority ownership policies and to explore the need for incentives to increase female ownership of mass media facilities. The Commission said it was particularly interested in increasing access to capital because lack of access to capital is a critical entry barrier.

Action by the Commission December 15 by NPRM
(FCC 94-323).

News Media contacts: Patricia A. Chew and Susan Lewis Sallet at (202) 418-0500; Mass Media Bureau contacts: Jane Hinckley Halprin and Diane Conley at (202) 632-7792. [Internet file name: nrmm4077.txt]

FURTHER COMMENTS SOUGHT ON POSSIBLE
CHANGES IN TV OWNERSHIP RULES - MM DOCKET
NOS. 91-221, 87-8 (Report No. DC-2692, Action in
Docket Case)

The Commission is asking for further comment on proposals to change the local and national television ownership rules. It asked that these comments address the impact on competition and diversity of programming by way of a detailed economic framework outlined in the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

Action by the Commission December 15 by Further
NPRM (FCC 94-322).

News Media contacts: Audrey Spivack and Rosemary Kimball at (202) 418-0500; Mass Media Bureau contacts: Doug Webbink at (202) 632-5414; Roger Holberg at (202) 632-7792 and Robert Kieschnick at (202) 634-6530. [Internet file name: nrmm4072.txt]

BROADCAST ATTRIBUTION RULES TO BE
REVIEWED - MM DOCKET NOS 94-150, 92-51, 87-154
(Report No. DC-2691, Action in Docket Case)

The Commission has commenced a review of its broadcast attribution rules, which specify how "ownership" of mass media entities is determined. The rules under review are those by which the Commission defines what constitutes a "cognizable" interest for the purpose of applying the multiple ownership rules to specific situations. The multiple ownership rules limit the number of broadcast stations that a single person or entity, directly or indirectly, is permitted to own, operate or control. By limiting the ownership of mass media outlets, the rules encourage programming diversity and assure competition in the provision of broadcast services.

Action by the Commission December 15 by NPRM (FCC 94-324).

News Media contact: Audrey Spivack and Rosemary Kimball at (202) 418-0500; Mass Media Bureau contacts: Doug Webbink at (202) 632-5414; Mania K. Baghdadi, Alan Aronowitz at (202) 632-7792. [Internet file name: nrmm4071.txt]

COMMISSION AFFIRMS PROGRAM ACCESS RULE ON EXCLUSIVE CONTRACTS FOR SATELLITE PROGRAMMING - MM DOCKET 92-265 (Report No. DC-2694, Action in Docket Case)

The Commission has affirmed its program access rule on exclusive contracts between direct broadcast satellite distributors and satellite cable programming vendors.

Action by the Commission December 15 by MO&O on Reconsideration of the First R&O (FCC 94-326).

News Media contact: Morgan Broman at (202) 418-0852; Cable Services Bureau contacts: Mora Cantrill and Nancy Markowitz at (202) 416-0800. [Internet file name: nrcb203.txt]

FCC AFFIRMS INTERIM TRANSPORT RATE STRUCTURE - CC DOCKET 91-213 (Report No. DC-2690, Action in Docket Case)

The Commission has affirmed the interim rate structure and related pricing rules that govern the local telephone companies' provision of transport services. As part of its decision, the Commission addressed all the remaining issues raised in reconsideration petitions filed since the Commission adopted the interim transport rate structure in 1992.

Action by the Commission December 15 by Third MO&O on Reconsideration and Supplemental NPRM (FCC 94-325).

News Media contact: Susan Lewis Sallet at (202) 418-0500; Common Carrier Bureau contacts with respect to the Third MO&O: Matt Harthun at (202) 418-1590 or David Sieradzki at (202) 418-1576.

Common Carrier Bureau contact with respect to the Supplemental NPRM: Barbara Esbin at (202) 418-1520. [Internet file name: nrcc4080.txt]

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The following items are dated for and released December 16:

NEWS RELEASES

TWO AMATEURS SURRENDER LICENSES IN EXAM FRAUD CASE; THIRD AMATEUR AGREES TO SETTLEMENT

Amateur Extra Class licensees Robert L. Flores

(N6WPQ) and Rose Marie Flores (N6WPR), both of Santa Monica, California, have surrendered their licenses for cancellation following the initiation of license revocation and suspension proceedings in an examination fraud case. The third amateur involved in the case, Amateur Extra Class licensee James B. Williams (AA6TC) of Wilmington, California, has agreed to a settlement.

FCC CALENDAR OF EVENTS [Internet file name:
evts4002.txt]

FCC FILINGS [internet filename: 4007.txt]

AMATEUR RADIO CALL SIGNS

PUBLIC NOTICES

US WEST, RANGE TELEPHONE, RT
COMMUNICATIONS, TRI-COUNTY TELEPHONE, TCT
WEST, AND UNION TELEPHONE FILED PETITION
FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE COMMON
CARRIER BUREAU'S MEMORANDUM OPINION AND
ORDER [DA 94-954] - Comments are due January 23,
replies February 6, 1995 - Contact: Adrian Wright at (202)
418-0830 [DA 94-1240]

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
ANNOUNCES PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF FORM 600 -
Contact: FCC Records Management Branch at (202) 418-
0210

PRIVATE OPERATIONAL-FIXED SERVICE
FREQUENCIES TO BE AVAILABLE FOR
REASSIGNMENT - Contact: Microwave Branch at (717)
337-1421

TARIFF TRANSMITTAL PUBLIC REFERENCE LOG:
December 15

FCC LABORATORY EQUIPMENT AUTHORIZATION
PROCESSING - SPEED OF SERVICE

Report No. 16069 - BROADCAST APPLICATIONS

Report No. 22046 - BROADCAST ACTIONS

Report No. 1774 - WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS
BUREAU - December 5 through December 9

Report No. CL-95-22 - WIRELESS
TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU COMMERCIAL
RADIO SERVICE INFORMATION

Report No. CL-95-29 - WIRELESS
TELECOMMUNICATION BUREAU COMMERCIAL
RADIO DIVISION - PETITION TO DENY FILED
AGAINST UNSERVED AREA APPLICATIONS

Report No. I-7084 - OVERSEAS SECTION 214
APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING

Report No. IS-0053 - INTERNATIONAL FIXED
SATELLITE SERVICE: INTELSAT

TEXTS

HOUSTON, AK. Proposed allotting Channel 242A to
Houston as its third FM service. Comments are due
February 6, replies February 21. (MM Docket No. 94-146
by NPRM [DA 94-1407] adopted December 7 by the Chief,
Allocations Branch, Mass Media Bureau)

SAGEVILLE, IA. Proposed allotting Channel 291A to
Sageville as its first FM service. Comments are due
February 6, replies February 21. (MM Docket No. 94-145
by NPRM [DA 94-1416] adopted December 8 by the Chief,
Allocations Branch)

CALABASH AND TABOR CITY, NC. Effective January
30, 1995, substituted Channel 285C3 for Channel 285A at
Tabor City; reallocated Channel 285C3 from Tabor City to
Calabash, and conditionally modified the license of WYNA
accordingly. (MM Docket No. 93-249 by R&O [DA 94-
1417] adopted December 8 by the Chief, Allocations
Branch)

ERRATUM to R&O [DA 94-1301] released November 30
in the matter of amending the TV Table of Allotments at
Kaneohe, HI. (MM Docket No. 94-30 [DA 94-1415])

CALL U.S., INC. V. PUERTO RICO TELEPHONE
COMPANY (PRTS) AND AMERICAN TELEPHONE
AND TELEGRAPH (AT&T). Dismissed with prejudice
Call U.S., Inc.'s complaints against PRTC and AT&T
alleging practices of attempting to collect erroneously billed
charges from Call U.S.'s resale customers, and AT&T's
acceptance of PRTC's remittances of charges erroneously
billed as AT&T international calls. (By Order [DA 94-
1410] adopted December 7 by the Chief, Formal Complaints
and Investigations Branch, Enforcement Division, Common
Carrier Bureau)

ADDENDA: The following items released December 15
were not listed on Digest 236:

TEXTS

AT&T COMMUNICATIONS. Denied MCI
Telecommunications Corporation's petition to reject
AT&T's Transmittal No. 7698 to introduce 500 service.
(By Order [DA 94-1500] adopted December 15 by the
Acting Chief, Tariff Division, Common Carrier Bureau)

US WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Extended to
December 17 the deadline for local exchange carriers to
comply with the meet point billing single bill requirement
pending final review by the Common Carrier Bureau of US
West's and BellSouth's waiver requests. (CC Docket No.
87-579 by Order [DA 94-1505] adopted December 15 by the
Acting Chief, Tariff Division)

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ADDENDA: The following items released December 13
were not listed on Digest 234:

TEXTS

E! ENTERTAINMENT TELEVISION, INC. Issued letter in response to request for expedited clarification of the Commission's notice requires as applied to the scheduled addition of the E! Entertainment channel to cable programming service tiers prior to January 1, 1995. (By Letter [DA 94-1474] issued December 13 by the Chief, Cable Services Bureau)

JAMES A. KAY, JR. Ordered James A. Kay to show cause why his four land mobile licenses should not be revoked or cancelled, why he should not be ordered to cease and desist from certain violations of the Communications and the Commission's rules, why an order for forfeiture should not be issued; designated these matters for a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. (PR Docket No. 94-147 by Order to Show Cause, HDO, and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for Forfeiture [FCC 94-315] adopted December 9 by the Commission)

